Expenditure on education

1439. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the percentage of expenditure of the total Gross Domestic Product on education in the country during 1990-91 and how it compares with those during the years 1970-71 and 1980-81; and

(b) what was the per capita expenditure on education in these years for Kerala and Bihar, separately?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Expenditure of Education Departments of Centre and State Governments as percentage of total Gross Domestic Product is as under:—

Year	Expenditure as Percentage of GDP
1990-91 (B.E.) . . .	3.45
1980-81	2.75
1970-71	2.25

(b) Per capita budgetted expenditure on education for the three years for Kerala and Bihar is as under:—

(in Rupees)

State	Per Capita Expenditure		
	1990-91 (B.E.)	1980-81	1970-71
Kerala .	235.46	82.74	28.21
Bihar .	138.18	29.35	8.60

Semester system at plus two level

1440. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council of Educational Research Training (NCERT) propose to introduce semester system at 10+2 level of secondary education;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed system and the experimentation conducted in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken to enforce the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) is a resource institution which gives advice to the Government in formulation and implementation of national policies and programmes in school education. The National Policy on Education, 1986 stipulated that one of the components of examination reform would be the introduction of the semester system from the Secondary stage in a phased manner. The draft Curricular Framework for Higher Secondary Education prepared by the NCERT in July, 1988 also recommends the semester system.

The National Conference organised by the NCERT on 9-10th March, 1992 with representatives of various Boards of Secondary/Higher Secondary Education and other experts recommended introduction of semester system at hte Higher Secondary stage (+2 level) after wide-ranging discussions with the concerned State Boards of Secondary/Higher Secondary Education. A nationally agreed pattern of semester system to be considered for introduction at the Higher Secondary stage by the Government would depend on the outcome of these discussions.

Stone Artifacts near the Periphery of Babri Masjid

1441. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Statesman of 11th March,

1992 wherein it has been stated that some stone artifacts have been found buried 10 ft. deep near the periphery of the disputed Babri Masjid structure in Ayodhya ; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the findings ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sherds of Northern Black Polished Ware, fragments of a sprinkler, a spout, damaged parts of terracotta figures, a broken soapstone bowl and a brick datable to early historical period, besides glazed ware of the medieval period, were amongst the finds reported from recent digging near Babri Masjid, Ayodhya, U.P.

Committee for National Youth Programme

1442. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1477 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th March, 1992 and state :

(a) whether the Committee for National Youth Programmes has been formed ;

(b) if so, the details of the members thereof ;

(c) if not, by when the committee is likely to be formed ; and

(d) whether the national political parties are being consulted to nominate their representatives for the committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE) : (a) to (c) The Government has recently set up a Committee for National Youth Programmes consisting of 50 members with the Prime Minister as its Chairman. The membership of the Committee includes representatives of State Governments, Members of Parliament and Youth Leaders from recognised national level political parties, voluntary organisations, minorities, Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes, etc.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Anganwadi Centres in Billawar Tehsil of J & K

1443. SHRI SHABBIR AHMED SALARIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are about 100 Anganwadi Centres in Tehsil Billawar, J & K;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the teachers of these anganwadi centres hail from Urban areas and their attendance in Anganwadi Centres located in rural areas is very poor;

(c) whether cases of misappropriation of funds for supplying food to the children of Anganwadi Centre have been brought to Government's notice, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken to check this malpractice ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE) : (a) The total number of Anganwadis sanctioned in Billawar ICDS Project is 110.

(b) Presently, there is no complaint with Government of India from Jammu & Kashmir relating to Anganwadi Workers hailing from urban areas and working in